



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Regional Data-Sharing for Trailered Boats**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Interior (Interior), is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). To find this information collection, select “Currently Under Review – Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to Mr. Jeffrey Parrillo, Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240; or via e-mail to [DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov). Please reference “OMB Control Number 1090-WID Database” in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this information collection request, please contact Jeffrey Parrillo by email

at [DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov](mailto:DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov), or by telephone at (202) 208-7072. Individuals who are hearing impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the information collection request at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

On December 3, 2020, we published in the Federal Register (85 FR 78146) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on February 1, 2021. We received one comment during the 60-day public comment period, however it did not address the information collection requirements. Therefore, no response is required.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed information collection request that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* Interior is authorized by the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42, 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (U.S.C 661 *et seq.*, as amended by John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, Title 25 U.S.C. 3701, *et seq.* sec. 7001(b)(2), Pub. L. 116-9) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*, to collect this information. Interior is requesting approval to collect information from boaters entering or exiting water areas managed by various bureaus under Interior. The data will help document the presence and evaluate any risks associated with the unintentional introduction of quagga/zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species in waters managed by the various bureaus

under Interior. Collection of this information is required for all watercrafts entering and exiting waters managed by the various bureaus under Interior that have an active watercraft inspection and decontamination program.

The Regional Watercraft Inspection Decontamination Data Sharing System (Regional Database) was developed by the State of Colorado and is currently being utilized by numerous entities within the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species (WRP). The National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Land Management are part of the WRP and the regional network of state and federal agencies working to prevent the spread of quagga/zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the western U.S. The success of this multi-agency effort relies in part upon timely availability of accurate information related to trailered boats at watercraft inspection/decontamination (WID) stations. The NPS already has OMB approval to use the Regional Database under OMB Control No. 1024-0285, but that collection will be discontinued and NPS will be rolled into this Interior-wide information collection once approved. The Regional Database makes this information available to staff at WID stations, allowing them to assess risk associated with quagga/zebra mussels and other AIS on trailered boats. States are asking federal partner agencies to begin using the Regional Database at their sites with WID programs.

Using the Regional Database requires that WID personnel ask boaters four questions and enter the responses via an app on a smartphone or tablet. Two of the four questions vary depending on whether a boater is entering or exiting the waterbody; the other two questions are the same for entering or exiting boaters:

Upon Entering:

1. Has the boat been out of the state in the last 30 days?
2. Has the boat been in any other waters in the last 30 days??

Upon Entering:

1. What is the destination for the boat??
2. Where and when will the boat be launched next?

Upon Entering or Exiting:

1. What compartments or containers on the boat, including ballast tanks, hold water?
2. Does the boater have any live aquatic bait?

*Title of Collection:* Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Regional Data-Sharing for Trailered Boats.

*OMB Control Number:* 1090-NEW.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals/household; private sector; and State, local, and Tribal governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 335,602.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 4 minutes.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 22,372 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion (upon entry, exit, or both).

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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